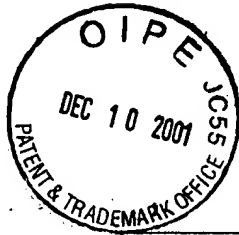


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37 CFR § 1.97(b)**

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Section 1: Preliminary Statements:

Enclosed is Appendix A to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/820,377 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0041/MRK; titled: Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Parcel, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Enterprise Parcel Shipping Management") filed March 27, 2001, a copy of the application without Appendix A having previously been filed as a reference in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement dated October 18, 2001.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the manual of patent examining procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(B), enclosed is Form PTO-1449 listing references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the listed references are enclosed. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be entered in the application file and returned to Applicant with the next communication from the office in accordance with MPEP §609.

Section 2. FORM 1449

A list of the references is set forth on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Section 3. Statement as to Information Material to Examination Not Found In Patents or Publications

The co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/820,377 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0041/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Parcel, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Enterprise Parcel Shipping Management") filed on March 27, 2001 has been assigned to the assignee of the above-referenced application. Appendix A of the co-pending application was redacted for publication under 37 C.F.R. § 1.217 and is proprietary to the assignee until a patent issuing from the co-pending application is published under 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14. A marked-up copy of Appendix A showing in brackets material redacted from publication is submitted herewith under MPEP § 724.02 in a sealed container labeled in accordance with MPEP § 724.02.

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